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For the reasons stated below, the Company's request for an extension should be denied, unless the testimony deadlines and hearing dates are postponed as proposed by the Class in its Motion for Reconsideration of the procedural schedule, filed on September 30, 2011.

As a matter of professional courtesy, undersigned counsel typically grants extensions requested by opposing counsel. However, the Company has consistently and aggressively pushed to accelerate this matter, whether through bifurcating the hearing schedule or insisting upon impracticable testimony deadlines and hearing dates. All of this has occurred despite the Class's best efforts to come to a mutually acceptable schedule that provides sufficient time to exercise its due process rights and effectively participate in the rate hearing process.

The Company's scorched earth strategy has placed enormous pressure on all parties, including the Company. To take just one example, the Company continues to violate the January 20, 2011 Procedural Order requiring that it provide responses to all data requests within seven calendar days, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

Ironically, the Company now seeks an extension, knowing full well that the Commission will not have an opportunity to rule until after the Company's lawyers have already granted themselves the extension and filed late. This is just further proof that the current schedule is unrealistic.

The Company cannot have it both ways. It cannot unilaterally decide to grant itself an extension because it needs more time while relentlessly pushing for a schedule that effectively denies the Class its due process rights. Given the current schedule, the Motion to Dismiss must be ruled on as soon as possible. If granted, it would prove an enormous waste of time and money for the Class to pay its experts to continue to prepare rushed Direct Testimony on data that is obsolete. In short, any delay in a ruling on the Motion prejudices the Class, adding insult to injury.

Accordingly, the Company's request for an extension should be denied, and its response struck, unless the testimony deadlines and hearing dates are postponed as proposed by the Class in its Motion for Reconsideration of the procedural schedule filed on September 30, 2011. As the Company's actions (or inactions) amply demonstrate, it is in the best interests of all parties to postpone the written testimony deadlines and hearing dates to allow all parties adequate time to prepare and participate in a meaningful manner.

DATED this 18th day of October, 2011.

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